

Equations 1 & 2

The divergence of a vector function  $F = [F_1, F_2, F_3] = F_1 \hat{i} + F_2 \hat{j} + F_3 \hat{k}$

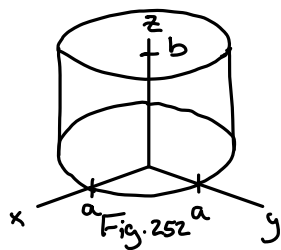
$$\operatorname{div} \vec{F} = \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial z} \quad (1)$$

The divergence theorem is precisely,

$$\iiint_T \operatorname{div} \vec{F} \, dv = \iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} \, dA$$

Example 1 Evaluation of a Surface Integral by the Divergence Theorem

Before we prove the theorem, let us show a typical application. Evaluate



$$I = \iiint_S x^3 \, dy \, dz + x^2 y \, dz \, dx + x^2 z \, dx \, dy$$

where  $S$  is the closed surface in Fig. 252 consisting of the cylinder  $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$  ( $0 \leq z \leq b$ ) and the circular disks  $z=0$  and  $z=b$  ( $x^2 + y^2 \leq a^2$ ).

Solution.  $F_1 = x^3$ ,  $F_2 = x^2 y$ ,  $F_3 = x^2 z$ . Hence  $\operatorname{div} \vec{F} = 3x^2 + x^2 + x^2 = 5x^2$ . The form of the surface suggests that we introduce polar coordinates  $r, \theta$  defined by  $x = r \cos \theta$ ,  $y = r \sin \theta$  (thus cylindrical coordinates  $r, \theta, z$ ). Then the volume element is  $dx \, dy \, dz = r \, dr \, d\theta \, dz$ , and we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \iiint_T 5x^2 \, dx \, dy \, dz = \int_{z=0}^b \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \int_{r=0}^a (5r^2 \cos^2 \theta) r \, dr \, d\theta \, dz \\ &= 5 \int_{z=0}^b \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \frac{a^4}{4} \cos^2 \theta \, d\theta \, dz = 5 \int_{z=0}^b \frac{a^4 \pi}{4} \, dz = \frac{5\pi}{4} a^4 b \end{aligned}$$

## Example 2 Verification of the Divergence Theorem

Evaluate  $\iint_S (7x\hat{i} - z\hat{k}) \cdot \hat{n} \, dA$  over the sphere  $S: x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$  (a) by 2, (b) directly  
Solution. (a)  $\text{div } \vec{F} = \text{div}[7x, 0, -z] = \text{div}[7x\hat{i} - z\hat{k}] = 7 - 1 = 6$ . Answer:  $6 \cdot (\frac{4}{3})\pi \cdot 2^3 = 64\pi$ .  
(b) we can represent  $S$  by (3), sec. 10.5 (with  $a=2$ ), and we shall use  $\hat{n} \, dA = \vec{N} \, du \, dv$  [see (3\*), sec. 10.6]

Accordingly,

$$\begin{aligned} S: \vec{r} &= [2\cos(v)\cos(u), 2\cos(v)\sin(u), 2\sin(v)] \\ \vec{r}_u &= [-2\cos(v)\sin(u), 2\cos(v)\cos(u), 0] \\ \vec{r}_v &= [-2\sin(v)\cos(u), -2\sin(v)\sin(u), 2\cos(v)] \\ \vec{N} = \vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v &= [4\cos^2(v)\cos(u), 4\cos^2(v)\sin(u), 4\cos(v)\sin(v)] \end{aligned}$$

Now on  $S$  we have  $x = 2\cos(v)\cos(u)$ ,  $z = 2\sin(v)$ , so that  $\vec{F} = [7x, 0, -z]$  becomes on  $S$

$$\vec{F}(s) = [14\cos(v)\cos(u), 0, -2\sin(v)]$$

and

$$\vec{F}(s) \cdot \vec{N} = (14\cos(v)\cos(u)) \cdot 4\cos^2(v)\cos(u) + (-2\sin(v)) \cdot 4\cos(v)\sin(v)$$

$$= 56\cos^3(v)\cos^2(u) - 8\cos(v)\sin^2(v)$$

on  $S$  we have to integrate over  $u$  from 0 to  $2\pi$ . This gives

$$\pi \cdot 56\cos^3(v) - 2\pi \cdot 8\cos(v)\sin^2(v)$$

The integral of  $\cos(v)\sin^2(v)$  equals  $(\sin^3(v))/3$ , and that of  $\cos^3(v) = \cos(v)(1 - \sin^2(v))$  equals  $\sin(v) - (\sin^3(v))/3$ . On  $S$  we have  $-\pi/2 \leq v \leq \pi/2$ , so that by substituting these limits we get

$$56\pi(2 - \frac{2}{3}) - 16\pi \cdot \frac{2}{3} = 64\pi$$

as hoped for. To see the point of Gauss's theorem, compare the amounts of work.